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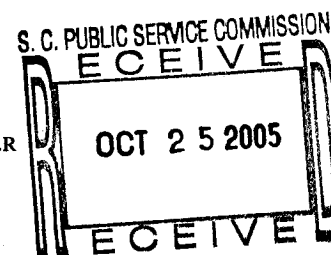
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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni  
Chief Clerk/Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
P.O. Drawer 11649  
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Docket No. 2001-209-C – Application of BellSouth Telecommunications, Incorporated to Provide In-Region InterLATA Services Pursuant to Section 271 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996

Dear Mr. Terreni:

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) does not oppose the Joint Motion for Approval of the New Service Quality Measurement Plan and Self-Effectuating Enforcement Plan. Information provided in support of the Motion indicates that representatives of the competitive local exchange carrier community have agreed to the new plans and that a number of state commissions have also approved the new plans. Importantly, one of those states was the Georgia Public Service Commission. The plan currently approved by the Public Service Commission of South Carolina was modeled after the plan previously approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission. It appears that a uniform BellSouth region-wide plan would contribute to the efficiency of the telecommunications carriers operating within South Carolina.

Sincerely,

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All Parties of Record